

Amendments to the Specification:

Please, replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] And patent no. 6,231,340 describes the closest holder to the present invention. The device of that patent has an aperture near an end of an elongated handle. The aperture is transverse to the longitudinal handle. The shaft of a dental tool is placed into the transverse aperture, and a nut is screwed from the end of the handle against such shaft.

Please, replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] Optionally, the Endodontic Instrument includes an endodontic file that initially moves away from the centerline of the endodontic file and then curves back toward and crosses the centerline but does not then again cross the centerline. In order to accommodate such a bent endodontic file, the aperture is extended to the side of the cap and, on such side, enlarged to dimensions sufficient to permit the introduction of the plastic cap.

Please, replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] In use, an endodontic file 11 is placed so that it extends through the aperture 10 with the plastic cap 12 that is attached to the endodontic file 11 (at an end 16 opposite to the tip 14) being in the channel 6. (The diameter of the aperture 10 is selected to be larger than the diameter of the endodontic file 11 but smaller than the diameter of the plastic cap 12.) The cap 2 is then screwed closer to the first end 5 of the elongated base 3 until the plastic cap 12 is securely retained in the channel 6 between the second end 9 of the cap 2 and the projection 4, as a result of the blunt projection 4, as seen in FIG. 1, pushing against the blunt plastic cap 12, shown in FIG. 2 and both shown and described in United States patent no. 3,247,594.

Please, replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] In order to facilitate the work of an endodontist, an option to the present invention is, as portrayed in FIG. 2, an endodontic file **11** that initially moves away from the centerline **13** of the endodontic file **11** in a first direction shown by the arrow **A** and then curves back toward and crosses the centerline **13** as the tip **14** of the endodontic file **11** is approached but does not then again cross the centerline **13**.